

The Subcommittee requested the GAO examine the following questions:

1. What are the current and likely potential threats to U.S. military space assets? What are the current capabilities of nations and terrorist groups to defeat, deter, disable, disarm, or destroy U.S. space assets—both military and commercial?
2. What United States actions are underway or planned to address U.S. vulnerabilities and anticipated threats? To what extent have the Department of Defense (DOD), the U.S. Air Force, and other departments and agencies conducted a risk assessment to identify critical space assets and to determine courses of action and the level of resources needed to reduce risk? Do the courses of action include potential diplomatic (bilateral, multilateral, or international) or other risk mitigation efforts to dissuade other nations from developing space weapons?
3. To what extent have DOD and other departments and agencies programmed and allocated resources and adjusted concepts of operations, doctrine, organization, training, personnel, and equipment to address space vulnerabilities?
4. How does the current National Space Policy materially differ from the national policy which preceded its adoption and what impact has the current policy had on the actions of other space-faring nations? How is the National Space Policy reflected in the DOD Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), and what is the status of any studies ordered from the QDR?
5. What is DOD's long-term military strategy towards the use of space and what are current and long-term spending and budgetary implications of the strategy? How does this strategy relate to current international treaties to which the U.S. is a party or to other obligations for cooperation in space?

Documents and Links

- [GAO Space Weaponization Request](#)